

DIARY NOTESExecutive Director-Comptroller

23 December 1965

1. Alan Warfield was in to discuss several items.

a. I approved a DD/S proposal to close down power for about two hours on Sunday, 23 January, for test purposes. I cautioned Alan to publish a timely notice.

b. I discussed the organization and manpower control regulation with Alan and asked him to effect a limited and quick coordination by 10 January.

c. We discussed acquisition of the and I encouraged Alan to get in touch with the owners to renew our interest. I also agreed that we should write a letter to the Fairfax County authorities similar to the one we wrote last year objecting to any rezoning of this tract.

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2. General Cabell delivered to me the section of his memoirs about his years at CIA with an accompanying, self-explanatory letter to Admiral Raborn. He pointed out that he has not contacted anyone in the Agency since he does not want word to get out that he is contemplating publishing his memoirs before he has a chance to contact a publisher. He said that the entire manuscript was written almost from memory. He also said that he felt the memoirs would do CIA a great service and that he would be glad to receive any suggestions on how they might be improved. He was emphatic, however, that, if he accepts any suggestions, he would put them into his own words. He wants to make very sure that, whether or not his memoirs are published, they are entirely his own work. Later in the day I advised Dick Helms that I had received these papers from General Cabell. We agreed that, initially at least, we would ask Howard Osborn and Walt Elder to read them. (At the Morning Meeting on 27 December Dick mentioned that we had received this manuscript. He also urged those present not to mention the fact that General Cabell is about to publish his memoirs. After the meeting Larry Houston stopped in to say that General Cabell had told him about his plan to publish his memoirs and had suggested that Larry might like to read them. Larry said that he would be glad to review them if we wanted him to do so.)

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3. I approved of John Clarke's taking annual leave from 23 December 1965 to 4 January 1966.

4. Jack Earman buzzed to say that he had read Larry Houston's draft paper on use of the Director's authorities and was somewhat concerned about it. The paper gives the impression that there is no problem, whereas Jack, apparently supported by [] feels this is not the case. I authorized Jack to show Larry some of the examples which he has uncovered in recent surveys to support his feelings.

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5. Bud Wheelon and [] talked with me about the paper, which was already overdue, delineating their respective responsibilities in connection with the overhead reconnaissance program. They are now coming forward with a paper with which they are in agreement spelling out these responsibilities. I gathered that the only significant change from the draft prepared earlier by [] and Hank Knoche is that Bud would attend the NRO Executive Committee Meetings instead of John Bross. They have not discussed this with John. [] undertook to do so and anticipated that John would also concur.

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7. I talked to Dick Helms about my meeting with the Deputies on 16 December concerning the possibility of reorganizing the old Supergrade Review Board or formalizing supergrade review panels at the Deputy Director level. The latter would be entirely acceptable to him, and I undertook to proceed with this arrangement.

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8. Alan Warfield talked with me about the case [] and I agreed that he should be encouraged to resign. If this does not resolve the problem, Alan should speak with me again before applying further pressure.

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9. I talked with Bud Wheelon and [] about Bud's earlier proposal to replace Jack Ledford eventually with a civilian CIA careerist. We agreed that this proposal would not fly, particularly at this time, and that, if Jack does leave, which I am told he will do sometime next spring or summer, we should replace him with an Air Force officer. Bud and [] believe that [] now the NRO Chief of Staff, will be available and would be eager to have the job. They also think that, if someone like Peer deSilva could be made available to replace [] the job of Deputy Director of NRO, which is now held by [] might eventually become surplus to everybody's needs. I said that, while I did not know [] very well, he impressed me as being a first-rate officer and that I would certainly have no objection to his replacing Jack Ledford. I emphasized, however, that I thought any moves or even suggestions at this time which might lead to the elimination or downgrading of [] job would be most unfortunate and probably counterproductive. We agreed that [] should probably remain in place as Deputy Director of Special Activities for the time being. Both Bud and [] believe that OSA could stand a 10 percent tightening up in manpower, budget, etc., and want a strong finance man to work for [] in this area. They do not want this to be done from John Clarke's staff, although they would welcome greater participation by John's staff in the whole NRO program. We discussed [] as a possibility for the job, and on Monday, 27 December, I authorized Bud to discuss this possibility with []

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10. Bud Wheelon was in to discuss the following:

a. Bud solicited my views on his taking a trip of about one month to the Near East and Europe [] [] He wants to take about ten young DD/S&T officers with him, primarily for their morale and as payment for the contribution they have made to developing the system. This would entail the charter of a C-118 [] and, of course, considerable expense. I told Bud that I was pretty cold to the whole idea and would certainly have to check it out with Dick Helms. We agreed to discuss this with Dick together.

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b. Bud also solicited my views on a repeat performance of last year's trip to [] [] Last year with General Carter's permission he used the Gulfstream and took his wife along and stayed for several days. He was frank to say that the trip was half business and half vacation. I told Bud that the Director had declined to use the

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Gulfstream for his Christmas trip to Florida since he took his wife with him and suggested that Bud take a leaf out of the Director's book.

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